IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:)	Chapter 11
BELK, INC., et al., 1)	Case No. 21-30630 (MI)
	Reorganized Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)

REORGANIZED DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY LAZARD FRÈRES & CO. LLC AS INVESTMENT BANKER EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE, (II) MODIFYING CERTAIN TIME-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS, AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

This application seeks an order that may adversely affect you. If you oppose the application, you should immediately contact the moving party to resolve the dispute. If you and the moving party cannot agree, you must file a response and send a copy to the moving party. You must file and serve your response within 21 days of the date this was served on you. Your response must state why the application should not be granted. If you do not file a timely response, the relief may be granted without further notice to you. If you oppose the application and have not reached an agreement, you must attend the hearing. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the court may consider evidence at the hearing and may decide the application at the hearing.

Represented parties should act through their attorney.

The above-captioned reorganized debtors (collectively, the "Reorganized Debtors," and before the Effective Date (as defined herein), the "Debtors") state as follows in support of this application (the "Application"):²

A complete list of each of the Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Reorganized Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.primeclerk.com/belk. The location of the Reorganized Debtors' service address is 2801 West Tyvola Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217.

The facts and circumstances supporting this Application are set forth in the *Declaration of William Langley, Chief Financial Officer of Belk, Inc., in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* (the "First Day Declaration"), filed substantially contemporaneously with the Debtors' voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") on February 23, 2021, and incorporated by reference herein. Capitalized terms used but not immediately defined in this Application shall have the meanings assigned to them elsewhere in this Application or in the First Day Declaration, as applicable.

Relief Requested

1. The Reorganized Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto (the "Order"), (a) authorizing the employment and retention of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC ("Lazard") as investment banker to the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors, effective as of February 23, 2021 (the "Petition Date"), (b) modifying certain time-keeping requirements, and (c) granting related relief, all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the engagement letter dated February 1, 2021 (the "Engagement Letter"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1 to the Order, and the indemnification agreement, dated December 21, 2020 (the "Indemnification Agreement"), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2 to the Order. In support of the Application, the Reorganized Debtors submit the Declaration of Tyler Cowan in Support of the Reorganized Debtors' Application for An Order (I) Authorizing the Reorganized Debtors to Retain and Employ Lazard Frères & Co. LLC as Investment Banker Effective as of the Petition Date, (II) Modifying Certain Time-Keeping Requirements, and (III) Granting Related Relief, attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Cowan Declaration").

Jurisdiction, Venue, and Statutory Bases for Relief

- 2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). The Reorganized Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

4. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 327(a) and 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016(a), and rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Local Rules").

Background

- 5. On February 23, 2021, each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. In connection therewith, on the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the Debtors' Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (Technical Modifications) (the "Plan") [Docket No. 10] and a related Disclosure Statement Relating to the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of Belk, Inc., and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Disclosure Statement") [Docket No. 9].
- 6. At a hearing on February 24, 2021, the Court approved the Disclosure Statement, confirmed the Plan, and entered its *Order Approving the Debtors' Disclosure Statement for, and Confirming, the Debtors' Joint Prepackaged Chapter 11 Plan* [Docket No. 61].
- 7. On February 24, 2021, the effective date of the Plan occurred (the "<u>Effective Date</u>") and the Reorganized Debtors filed their *Notice of (I) Entry of an Order Approving the Debtors'* Disclosure Statement for, and Confirming, the Debtors' Joint Prepackaged Chapter 11 Plan and (II) Occurrence of Effective Date [Docket No. 66].
- 8. During these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors operated their businesses and managed their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. The chapter 11 cases are being jointly administered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).

Lazard's Qualifications

9. In light of the size and complexity of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors require a qualified and experienced investment banker with the resources,

capabilities, and experience of Lazard to assist them in pursuing the transactions that are crucial to the success of the chapter 11 cases. An investment banker such as Lazard fulfills a critical role by complementing the services provided by the Debtors' and Reorganized Debtors' other professionals. The Reorganized Debtors believe that retaining Lazard as their investment banker is in the best interests of their estates and creditors because, among other things, Lazard has extensive experience in, and an excellent reputation for, providing investment banking and financial advisory services to debtors in bankruptcy reorganizations and other restructurings.

10. Lazard and its senior professionals have extensive experience in the reorganization and restructuring of troubled companies, both out-of-court and in chapter 11 cases. Lazard's employees have advised debtors, creditors, equity constituencies, and government agencies in many complex reorganizations, including within the retail industry. Since 1990, Lazard's professionals have been involved in more than 250 restructurings, totaling more than \$1 trillion in debtors' liabilities. Lazard's professionals have been retained as investment bankers in a number of troubled company situations, including, among others, the following chapter 11 cases: In re Valaris PLC, No. 20-34114 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2020); In re Neiman Marcus Group LTD LLC, No. 20-32519 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2020); In re Forever 21, Inc., No. 19-12122 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. 2019); In re Weatherford International PLC, No. 19-33694 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2019); In re Insys Therapeutics, Inc., No. 19-11292 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. 2019); In re Sears Holdings Corporation, No. 18-23538 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2018); In re FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., No. 18-50757 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 2018); In re Claire's Stores, Inc., No. 18-10584 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. 2018); In re CGG Holding (U.S.) Inc., No. 17-11637 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017); In re Toys "R" Us, Inc., No. 17-34665 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2017); In re The Gymboree Corp., No. 17-32986 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2017); In re Stone Energy Corp., No. 16-36390 (MI) (Bankr.

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11. Since being retained by the Debtors in December 2020, Lazard has advised and assisted the Debtors in connection with, among other things (i) analyzing the Debtors' capital structure and various restructuring alternatives related thereto, (ii) negotiating with certain of the Debtors' various creditor constituencies regarding a potential restructuring, and (iii) securing an infusion of \$225 million in new money. In providing the foregoing and other prepetition services, Lazard has worked closely with the Debtors, their management, and their other advisors and became well acquainted with, among other things, the Debtors' operations, business needs, and capital structure. Thus, Lazard was particularly well-suited to provide the investment banking services to the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors that are contemplated by the Engagement Letter and described herein.

Services to Be Rendered

12. Lazard has agreed to continue to provide services to the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors (as applicable) in these chapter 11 cases in accordance with the terms and conditions set

forth in the Engagement Letter. The terms of the Engagement Letter reflect the mutual agreement between the Debtors and Lazard as to the substantial efforts required of Lazard throughout the course of these proceedings. The Engagement Letter provides, in consideration for the compensation contemplated thereby, that Lazard will, to the extent reasonably requested by the Debtors, perform the following investment banking services (collectively, the "Services"):³

- (a) reviewing and analyzing the Debtors' businesses, operations, and financial projections;
- (b) evaluating the Debtors' potential debt capacity in light of its projected cash flows;
- (c) assisting in the determination of an appropriate capital structure for the Debtors;
- (d) assisting in the determination of a range of values for the Debtors on a going concern basis;
- (e) assisting in analyzing potential liability management transactions or other capital structure alternatives, including any Restructuring;
- (f) advising the Debtors on tactics and strategies for negotiating with Transaction counterparties and the Debtors' Stakeholders;
- (g) rendering financial advice to the Debtors and participating in meetings or negotiations with the Debtors' Stakeholders or other appropriate parties in connection with any Restructuring;
- (h) advising the Debtors on the timing, nature, and terms of new securities, other consideration, or other inducements to be offered pursuant to any Restructuring;
- (i) assisting the Debtors in preparing documentation within Lazard's area of expertise that is required in connection with any Restructuring;
- (j) attending meetings of the Board of Directors of the Debtors with respect to matters on which Lazard has been engaged to advise under the Engagement Letter;

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In the event of any inconsistency between the description of the Services as set forth herein and the Engagement Letter, the Engagement Letter shall control. Also, capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this description of the Services shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Engagement Letter.

- (k) providing testimony in any proceeding before the Court, as necessary, with respect to matters on which Lazard has been engaged to advise under the Engagement Letter; and
- (l) providing the Debtors with other advice relevant to the foregoing.
- 13. As set forth above, prior to the Petition Date, Lazard provided Services to the Debtors in connection with their negotiations with certain of their stakeholders on the terms of a prepackaged restructuring of the Debtors, Services which Lazard continues to provide now that the Debtors have filed these chapter 11 cases. As a result, Lazard has gained significant, specific knowledge of the Debtors' businesses and the proposed restructuring pursued in these cases. Lazard's provision of the aforementioned Services is critical to enable the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors to maximize the value of their estates. Lazard has indicated a willingness to act on behalf of the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors, on the terms described herein and in the Engagement Letter. Additionally, Lazard has advised the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors that it will endeavor to coordinate with the other retained professionals in these chapter 11 cases to avoid unnecessary duplication or overlap of work.

Professional Compensation

14. Subject to Court approval, and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules, the Reorganized Debtors will compensate Lazard in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Engagement Letter, which provides a compensation and expense reimbursement structure (the "Fee and Expense Structure") in relevant part as follows:⁴

In the event of any inconsistency between the description of the Fee and Expense Structure as set forth herein and the Engagement Letter, the Engagement Letter shall control. Also, capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this description of the Fee and Expense Structure shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Engagement Letter.

- (a) Monthly Fees equal to \$270,967.74, which already has been paid by the Debtors.
- (b) A fee payable upon the consummation of a Restructuring, equal to \$7,729,032 (the "Restructuring Fee").
- (c) In addition to any fees that may be payable to Lazard and, regardless of whether any transaction occurs, the Debtors shall promptly reimburse Lazard for all reasonable expenses incurred by Lazard (including travel and lodging, data processing and communications charges, courier services, and other expenditures) and the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel, if any, retained by Lazard.
- (d) As part of the compensation payable to Lazard under the Engagement Letter, the Debtors agreed that the Indemnification Agreement shall also apply to Lazard's engagement under the Engagement Letter.
- 15. The Reorganized Debtors believe that the Fee and Expense Structure described above is comparable to compensation generally charged by other firms of similar stature to Lazard for comparable engagements, both in and out of bankruptcy. The Reorganized Debtors also have been advised by Lazard that the Fee and Expense Structure is consistent with Lazard's normal and customary billing practices for cases of this size and complexity, which require the level and scope of services outlined.
- 16. In determining the level of compensation to be paid to Lazard and its reasonableness, the Debtors compared Lazard's proposed fees with the range of investment banking fees in other large and complex restructurings and chapter 11 cases. The Fee and Expense Structure was agreed upon by the parties in anticipation that a substantial commitment of professional time and effort would be required of Lazard and its professionals, that such commitment may foreclose other opportunities for Lazard, and that the actual time and commitment required of Lazard and its professionals to perform the services hereunder may vary substantially from week to week or month to month. Additionally, the Fee and Expense Structure was established to reflect the difficulty of the extensive assignments Lazard expects to undertake,

as well as the potential for failure. The Reorganized Debtors thus believe that the Fee and Expense Structure is reasonable.

- 17. Lazard has obtained valuable institutional knowledge of the Debtors' businesses, financial affairs, and creditors as a result of its providing services to the Debtors before the Petition Date. Therefore, Lazard is not only well qualified, but also uniquely able to perform these services and assist the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases. Moreover, the Reorganized Debtors believe that Lazard's services assisted the Debtors in achieving a successful outcome of these chapter 11 cases.
- 18. Lazard's strategic and financial expertise as well as its capital markets knowledge, financing skills, restructuring capabilities, and mergers and acquisitions expertise, some or all of which might have been required by the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors during the term of Lazard's engagement hereunder, were important factors in determining the Fee and Expense Structure. The Reorganized Debtors believe that the ultimate benefit of Lazard's services hereunder cannot be measured by reference to the number of hours to be expended by Lazard's professionals in the performance of such services.
- 19. It is not the general practice of investment banking and financial services firms, including Lazard, to keep detailed time records similar to those customarily kept by attorneys, nor do such investment banking and financial services firms keep time records on a "project category" basis. Notwithstanding that Lazard does not charge for its services on an hourly basis, Lazard intends to file interim and final fee applications (as applicable) for the allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred. Such applications will include time records setting forth, in a summary format, a description of the services rendered by each professional and the amount of time spent on each date by each such individual in rendering services on behalf of the Debtors. Because Lazard does not ordinarily maintain contemporaneous

time records in one-tenth-hour (.1) increments or provide or conform to a schedule of hourly rates for its professionals, Lazard will file time records in half-hour (.5) increments. Lazard also will maintain detailed records of any actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Services discussed above. Lazard's applications for compensation and expenses will be paid by the Debtors upon approval by this Court.

- 20. Lazard has not shared or agreed to share any compensation to be paid by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors with any other person, other than principals and employees of Lazard, in accordance with section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 21. The Debtors and Lazard negotiated the Fee and Expense Structure to function as and be an interrelated, integrated unit, in correspondence with Lazard's services, which Lazard renders not in parts, but as a whole. It would be contrary to the intention of Lazard and the Debtors for any isolated component of the entire Fee and Expense Structure to be treated as sufficient consideration for any isolated portion of Lazard's services. Instead, the Debtors and Lazard intend that Lazard's services be considered and be compensated by the Fee and Expense Structure in its entirety.
- 22. In sum, in light of the foregoing and given the numerous issues that Lazard is addressing and may be required to address in the performance of its services hereunder, Lazard's commitment to the variable level of time and effort necessary to address all such issues as they arise, and the market prices for Lazard's services for engagements of this nature, both out-of-court and in a chapter 11 context, the Reorganized Debtors believe that the Fee and Expense Structure is market-based and fair and reasonable under the standards set forth in section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

23. Accordingly, as more fully described below, the Reorganized Debtors believe that this Court should approve Lazard's retention subject solely to the standard of review set forth in section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and that Lazard's compensation should not be subject to any additional standard of review under section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Indemnification and Related Provisions

- 24. As part of the overall compensation payable to Lazard under the terms of the Engagement Letter, the Debtors have agreed to indemnification, contribution and reimbursement obligations as described in the Indemnification Agreement, which remains in full force and effect. Generally, these provisions provide that the Debtors will, among other things, indemnify, hold harmless, and provide contribution and reimbursement to Lazard and its affiliates, and the respective directors, officers, members, employees, agents or controlling persons of each of the foregoing under certain circumstances.⁵
- 25. The Reorganized Debtors and Lazard believe that these indemnification and related provisions are customary and reasonable for financial advisory and investment banking engagements, both in- and out-of-court, and reflect the qualifications and limitations on indemnification provisions that are customary in this District and other jurisdictions. Similar indemnification arrangements have been approved and implemented in other large chapter 11 cases by courts in this jurisdiction.
- 26. The Debtors and Lazard negotiated the terms of the Engagement Letter and Indemnification Agreement at arm's length. The provisions of the Indemnification Agreement, and viewed in conjunction with the other terms of Lazard's proposed retention and the importance

To the extent there is any inconsistency between this Application's summary of the Indemnification Agreement provisions and the actual terms of the Indemnification Agreement, the terms of the Indemnification Agreement shall control.

of the Services, are reasonable and in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors. Accordingly, as part of this Application, the Reorganized Debtors request that this Court approve the terms of the Indemnification Agreement.

No Duplication of Services

27. The services provided by Lazard were intended to complement, and not duplicate, the services rendered by other professionals retained in these chapter 11 cases. Lazard understands that the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors retained additional professionals during the term of the engagement and worked cooperatively with such professionals to integrate any respective work conducted by the professionals on behalf of the Debtors and to avoid unnecessary duplication of services.

Disinterestedness

- 28. To the best of the Reorganized Debtors' knowledge, information, and belief, and except and to the extent disclosed herein and in the Cowan Declaration, Lazard is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as required by section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and holds no interest materially adverse to the Debtors, or the Reorganized Debtors, or their estates in connection with the matters for which Lazard is to be retained by the Debtors.
- 29. During the ninety-day period prior to the Petition Date, Lazard was paid in the ordinary course certain fees and expense reimbursements. Specifically, (a) on December 30, 2020, Lazard was paid \$70,967.74 on account of the prorated December 2020 Monthly Fee and (b) on January 8, 2021, Lazard was paid \$200,000 on account of the January 2021 Monthly Fee.

Relief Requested Should Be Granted

30. The Reorganized Debtors seek authority to employ and retain Lazard as their investment banker under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code, which provides that a debtor is

authorized to employ professional persons "that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the [Reorganized Debtors] in carrying out their duties under this title." 11 U.S.C. § 327(a). Section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code elaborates upon sections 101(14) and 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code as those sections relate to cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, providing that "a person is not disqualified for employment under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code by a debtor in possession solely because of such person's employment by or representation of the debtor before the commencement of the case." 11 U.S.C. § 1107(b).

31. The Reorganized Debtors seek approval of the Engagement Letter, including the Fee and Expense Structure and the Indemnification Agreement pursuant to section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, which provides that the Debtors, "with the court's approval, may employ or authorize the employment of a professional person under section 327 . . . on any reasonable terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer, on an hourly basis, on a fixed or percentage fee basis, or on a contingent fee basis." 11 U.S.C. § 328(a). Accordingly, section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code permits the compensation of professionals, including investment bankers, on flexible terms that reflect the nature of their services and market conditions.

Thus, section 328 is a significant departure from prior bankruptcy practice relating to the compensation of professionals. Indeed, as the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit recognized in *Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. v. National Gypsum (In re National Gypsum Co.)*, 123 F.3d 861, 862 (5th Cir. 1997): Prior to 1978 the most able professionals were often unwilling to work for bankruptcy estates where their compensation would be subject to the uncertainties of what a judge thought the work was worth after it had been done. That uncertainty continues under the present § 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, which provides that the court award to professional consultants "reasonable compensation" based on relevant factors of time and comparable costs, etc. Under present § 328 the professional may avoid that

uncertainty by obtaining court approval of compensation agreed to with the trustee (or debtor or committee).

Id. (internal citations omitted).

32. Furthermore, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 amended section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code as follows:

The trustee, or a committee appointed under section 1102 of this title, with the court's approval, may employ or authorize the employment of a professional person under section 327 or 1103 of this title, as the case may be, on any reasonable terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer, on an hourly basis, on a fixed or percentage fee basis, or on a contingent fee basis.

- 11 U.S.C. § 328(a) (emphasis added). This change makes clear that the Reorganized Debtors may retain, with Court approval, a professional on a fixed or percentage fee basis such as the Fee and Expense Structure provided for in the Engagement Letter.
- Expense Structure, and Indemnification Agreement contain reasonable terms and conditions of employment and should be approved under section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Fee and Expense Structure adequately reflects (a) the nature of the services to be provided by Lazard and (b) fee and expense structures and indemnification provisions typically utilized by Lazard and other leading investment banking firms, which do not bill their time on an hourly basis and generally are compensated on a transactional basis. In particular, the Reorganized Debtors believe the Fee and Expense Structure creates a proper balance between fixed monthly fees and contingency fees based on the successful raises of new capital and the overall success of these chapter 11 cases. Moreover, Lazard's substantial experience with respect to investment banking services, coupled with the nature and scope of work already performed by Lazard before the Petition Date, further supports the reasonableness of the Fee and Expense Structure.

Notice

34. The Reorganized Debtors will provide notice of this Application to: (a) the United

States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims

against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the administrative agent under the ABL Facility

and counsel thereto; (d) the administrative agent under the Debtors' prepetition term loan facilities

and counsel thereto; (e) counsel to the Ad Hoc First Lien Term Lender Group; (f) counsel to the

Ad Hoc Crossover Lender Group; (g) counsel to the Sponsor; (h) the United States Attorney's

Office for the Southern District of Texas; (i) the Internal Revenue Service; (j) the United States

Securities and Exchange Commission; (k) the state attorneys general for states in which the

Debtors conduct business; and (1) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule

2002. In light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

WHEREFORE, the Reorganized Debtors request that the Court enter an order granting the

relief requested in this Application and such other and further relief as is appropriate under the

circumstances.

Dated: March 8, 2021

/s/ William Langley

William Langley

Belk, Inc.,

Chief Financial Officer

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on March 8, 2021, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Kristhy M. Peguero

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Exhibit A

Cowan Declaration

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DECLARATION OF TYLER COWAN IN SUPPORT OF THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY LAZARD FRÈRES & CO. LLC AS INVESTMENT BANKER EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE, (II) MODIFYING CERTAIN TIME-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS, AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

- I, Tyler Cowan, declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of perjury that:
- 1. I am a Managing Director of the firm Lazard Frères & Co. LLC ("<u>Lazard</u>"), which has its principal office at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020. I am authorized to execute this Declaration on behalf of Lazard and in support of the Reorganized Debtors' application (the "<u>Application</u>") for entry of an order authorizing the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors to retain and employ Lazard as their sole investment banker in these chapter 11 cases, effective as of the Petition Date. Unless otherwise stated in this Declaration, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.² Lazard was originally retained by and entered into the

A complete list of each of the Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Reorganized Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.primeclerk.com/belk. The location of the Reorganized Debtors' service address is 2801 West Tyvola Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217.

² Certain disclosures herein relate to matters within the personal knowledge of other professionals at Lazard and are based on information provided by them.

Indemnification Agreement with the Debtors on December 21, 2020, and entered into the Engagement Letter on February 1, 2021.³

- 2. Lazard is a preeminent international financial advisory and asset management firm. Lazard, together with its predecessors and affiliates, has been advising clients around the world for over 150 years. Lazard has dedicated professionals who provide restructuring services to its clients and the current managing directors, directors, vice presidents, and associates of Lazard have extensive experience working with financially troubled companies in complex financial restructurings out-of-court and in chapter 11 proceedings. Lazard and its principals have been involved as advisor to debtor, creditor, and equity constituencies and government agencies in many reorganization cases. Since 1990, Lazard and its affiliates have been involved in more than 250 restructurings, totaling more than \$1 trillion in debtor liabilities.
- 3. Notably, Lazard has been retained as an investment banker and financial advisor in numerous large and complex chapter 11 cases, including, among others: *In re Valaris PLC*, No. 20-34114 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2020); *In re Nieman Marcus Group LTD LLC*, No. 20-32519 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2020); *In re Forever 21, Inc.*, No. 19-12122 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. 2019); *In re Weatherford International PLC*, No. 19-33694 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2019); *In re Insys Therapeutics, Inc.*, No. 19-11292 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. 2019); *In re Sears Holdings Corporation*, No. 18-23538 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2018); *In re FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.*, No. 18-50757 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 2018); *In re Claire's Stores, Inc.*, No. 18-10584 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. 2018); *In re CGG Holding (U.S.) Inc.*, No. 17-11637 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017); *In re Toys "R" Us, Inc.*, No. 17-34665 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2017); *In re The Gymboree Corp.*, No. 17-32986

Except as provided in the Engagement Letter, the Engagement Letter supersedes and restates certain prior agreements between Lazard and the Debtors. Copies of the Engagement Letter and the Indemnification Agreement are attached to the proposed Order as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2, respectively.

(KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2017); *In re Stone Energy Corp.*, No. 16-36390 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2017); *RCS Capital Corp.*, No. 16-10223 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. 2016); *In re LINN Energy, LLC*, No. 16-60040 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2016); *In re Peabody Energy Corp.*, No. 16-42529 (Bankr. E.D. Mo. 2016); *In re Paragon Offshore plc*, No. 16-10386 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del. 2016); *In re Hercules Offshore, Inc.*, No. 15-11685 (KJC) (Bankr. D. Del. 2015); *In re Sabine Oil & Gas Corp.*, No. 15-11835 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015); *In re Chassix Holdings, Inc.*, No. 15-10578 (MEW) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015); *In re Dendreon Corp.*, No. 14-12515 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. 2014); *In re Legend Parent, Inc.*, No. 14-10701 (RG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2014); *In re AWI Delaware, Inc.*, No. 14-12092 (KJC) (Bankr. D. Del. 2014); *In re QCE Finance LLC*, No. 14-10543 (PJW) (Bankr. D. Del. 2014).

- 4. Furthermore, since being retained by the Debtors in December 2020, Lazard has advised and assisted the Debtors in connection with, among other things, (i) analyzing the Debtors' capital structure and various restructuring alternatives related thereto, (i) negotiating with certain of the Debtors' various creditor constituencies regarding a potential restructuring, and (iii) securing an infusion of \$225 million in new money. In providing the foregoing and other prepetition services, Lazard has worked closely with the Debtors, their management, and their other advisors and has become well acquainted with, among other things, the Debtors' operations, business needs, and capital structure.
- 5. In connection with its proposed retention by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, Lazard obtained from the Debtors' counsel the names of individuals and entities that may be parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases (the "Potential Parties in Interest"), which parties are listed on **Schedule 1**, annexed hereto.⁴ Lazard then compared the names of the Potential Parties in Interest

⁴ Among other parties, the Schedule 1 received from the Debtors' counsel includes non-Debtor affiliates; equity holders holding 5% or more of the Debtors' equity; administrative agents; lenders; current officers and directors; banks; insurers; professionals; landlords; litigation parties; utilities; sureties and letters of credit holders; taxing

with the names of entities that have entered into engagement agreements with Lazard in the last three years. To the extent that this inquiry revealed that any of the Potential Parties in Interest (or any of their known or apparent affiliates) entered into any such engagement agreements with Lazard within the last three years, such parties are listed on Schedule 2 annexed hereto. To the best of my knowledge and belief, Lazard's representation of each entity listed on Schedule 2 (or its known or apparent affiliates) was or is only on matters that are unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. Other than as listed on Schedule 2, I am unaware of any engagement agreements of Lazard with the Potential Parties in Interest within the last three years. Given the size of Lazard and the breadth of Lazard's client base, however, it is possible that Lazard may now or in the future be retained by one or more of the Potential Parties in Interest in unrelated matters without my knowledge.

6. In addition to the parties listed on <u>Schedule 2</u>, Lazard may also represent, or may have represented, affiliates, equity holders or sponsors of Potential Parties in Interest and Lazard may have worked with, continue to work with, have or had mutual clients with, been represented by and/or advised certain accounting and law firms that are Potential Parties in Interest (and, in the case of law firms, may have entered into engagement agreements in which the law firm was named as client although the work was performed for a mutual client of Lazard's and the applicable law firm). Lazard may also represent, or may have represented in the past, committees or groups of lenders or creditors in connection with certain restructuring or refinancing engagements, which committees or groups include, or included, entities that are Potential Parties in Interest. Certain of

authorities and regulatory agencies; bankruptcy judges in the Southern District of Texas; the U.S. Trustee's office for the Southern District of Texas; and the largest vendors based on twelve-month prepetition spend.

the Potential Parties in Interest may also be vendors and/or have other non-investment banking relationships with Lazard.

- 7. Although Lazard has researched the Potential Parties in Interest list, the Debtors may also have numerous customers, creditors, competitors, and other parties with whom they maintain business relationships that are not included as Potential Parties in Interest and with whom Lazard may maintain business relationships. Additionally, Lazard is a U.S. operating subsidiary of an international financial advisory and asset management firm that has several legally separate and distinct affiliates. Although it is possible that employees of certain affiliates may assist Lazard in connection with Lazard's engagement, as Lazard is the only entity being retained by the Debtors, except as otherwise stated herein, we have researched only the electronic client files and records of Lazard, not of all of its affiliates, to determine relationships with any Potential Parties in Interest.
- 8. In addition, as of the date hereof, Lazard and its affiliates have approximately 2,900 employees worldwide. It is possible that certain of Lazard's and its affiliates' respective directors, officers, and employees may have had in the past, may currently have, or may in the future have connections to (i) the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, (ii) Potential Parties in Interest in these chapter 11 cases, or (iii) funds or other investment vehicles that may own debt or securities of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors or other Potential Parties in Interest.
- 9. Prior to filing the Application, Lazard confirmed that it and its financial advisory affiliates (the "<u>Financial Advisory Affiliates</u>") do not hold any debt or equity securities of the Debtors. Lazard also confirmed that its Financial Advisory Affiliates are not engaged to advise any Potential Party in Interest in connection with these chapter 11 proceedings. In addition, Lazard maintains a conflicts clearance system to ensure that any new or potential engagement by a

creditor, competitor or other interested party, in each case in connection with these chapter 11 proceedings, would not be approved to move forward.

- 10. Lazard is wholly-owned by Lazard Group LLC, which is the primary holding company subsidiary of Lazard Ltd, a public company listed on the NYSE (together, Lazard Group LLC and Lazard Ltd, the "Parent Entities"). Lazard is a separate legal entity and is an SEC- and FINRA-regulated broker-dealer business of the Parent Entities. Lazard also has asset management affiliates, Lazard Asset Management LLC ("LAM") and Lazard Frères Gestion SAS ("LFG"), and an affiliate, Edgewater HoldCo LLC, that hold interests in the management companies for certain private funds ("Edgewater" and collectively, the "Asset Management Affiliates"). Lazard, however, is the only entity being retained by the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors, and no employees of the Parent Entities or any other affiliates of Lazard (including the Financial Advisory Affiliates and the Asset Management Affiliates) will be engaged to advise the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors on these chapter 11 cases.
- 11. Lazard hereby confirms that its Parent Entities have not entered into engagement agreements with the Potential Parties in Interest (or their apparent affiliates or entities that Lazard believes to be affiliates, as the case may be) within the last three years. Also, no Parent Entity has a relationship with the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors of which Lazard is aware after due inquiry.
- 12. As noted, Lazard also has asset management affiliates, LAM, LFG, and Edgewater. Although Lazard receives payments from LAM, LFG, and Edgewater generated by their respective business operations, each of LAM, LFG, and Edgewater is operated as a separate and distinct affiliate and is separated from Lazard's other businesses. As part of their regular business operations, LAM and LFG may act as investment advisor for or trade securities (including in discretionary client accounts, and through the operation of hedge funds and mutual funds, in which

cases investment decisions are made by LAM or LFG), including on behalf of creditors, equity holders or other parties in interest in these cases, and Lazard or its respective affiliates, managing directors and employees. Some of these LAM or LFG accounts and funds may have held, may now hold, or may in the future hold debt or equity securities of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, or the Debtors' or Reorganized Debtors' creditors, equity holders, or other parties in interest in these cases, and LAM or LFG may have relationships with such parties. Furthermore, some of the investment funds managed by Edgewater may have held, may now hold or may in the future hold debt or equity securities of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors or the Debtors' or Reorganized Debtors' creditors, equity holders, or other parties in interest in these cases. Additionally, the Debtors, their creditors, equity holders, or other parties in interest in these cases, and Lazard or its affiliates, managing directors, and employees, may be investors in investment funds that are managed by Edgewater.

- 13. The Asset Management Affiliates are not involved in the Debtors' engagement of Lazard in any capacity. Moreover, Lazard has compliance procedures in place to ensure that (i) no third-party confidential or non-public information received by Lazard and/or the Financial Advisory Affiliates has been or will be available to employees of the Asset Management Affiliates, and (ii) no third-party confidential or non-public information received by the Asset Management Affiliates has been or will be available to employees of Lazard and/or the Financial Advisory Affiliates. These procedures consist of, among other things:
 - (a) no shared or common spaces between Lazard and the Financial Advisory Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Asset Management Affiliates, on the other hand;
 - (b) keycard restricted access between Lazard and Financial Advisory Affiliates spaces, on the one hand, and Asset Management Affiliates spaces, on the other hand; and

- (c) system-email and file restrictions that (i) generally prevent emails and sharing of files between employees of Lazard and the Financial Advisory Affiliates, on the one hand, and Asset Management Affiliates employees, on the other hand, and (ii) capture emails that are transmitted between those groups for review by Lazard's legal and compliance department.
- 14. Lazard and all of its direct and indirect affiliates, including the Financial Advisory Affiliates and Asset Management Affiliates, are ultimately owned directly or indirectly by the Parent Entities. However, the Asset Management Affiliates are operated separately from Lazard and the Financial Advisory Affiliates. Additionally, other than members of certain "control groups" such as compliance, legal and IT and members of senior management, who are tasked with, among other things, general management responsibilities or supervising and monitoring the various businesses' compliance with the aforementioned information barriers and/or other policies and procedures of Lazard, no officer, director or employee of Lazard, on the one hand, is an officer, director or employee of the operating entities in the Asset Management Affiliates, on the other hand.
- 15. In addition to the procedures described in paragraph 13 above regarding the separation of Lazard and/or the Financial Advisory Affiliates and the Asset Management Affiliates, policies applicable to employees of Lazard and the Financial Advisory Affiliates include a "need to know" policy regarding the handling of sensitive information. Such employees periodically re-affirm their knowledge of and compliance with such policies and procedures.
- 16. During the ninety-day period prior to the Petition Date, Lazard was paid in the ordinary course certain fees and expense reimbursements. Specifically, (a) on December 30, 2020, Lazard was paid \$70,967.74 on account of the prorated December 2020 Monthly Fee and (b) on January 8, 2021, Lazard was paid \$200,000 on account of the January 2021 Monthly Fee.

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17. Other than as disclosed herein, Lazard has no relationship with the Debtors or

Reorganized Debtors of which I am aware after due inquiry.

18. Based upon the foregoing, I believe Lazard is disinterested as defined in section

101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code and does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors,

or Reorganized Debtors, or their estates.

19. The Indemnification Agreement includes standard and customary terms contained

in Lazard's engagement letters both in and outside of bankruptcy cases. Based on my experience

in the market for investment banking services, the Indemnification Agreement is similar to the

indemnification provisions in engagement letters of other similarly situated investment banking

firms in engagements both in and outside of bankruptcy.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true

and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: March 8, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tyler Cowan

Name: Tyler Cowan

Title: Managing Director

Lazard Frères & Co. LLC

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Schedule 1

Potential Parties in Interest

SCHEDULE 11

List of Schedules

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Category</u>
1(a)	Debtors
1(b)	Debtor Affiliates
1(c)	Directors and Officers
1(d)	5% or More Equity Holders
1(e)	Bankruptcy Judges and Staff
1(f)	Bankruptcy Professionals
1(g)	Banks and Lenders
1(h)	Insurers
1(i)	Landlords
1(j)	Litigants
1(k)	Sureties and Letter of Credit Providers
1(1)	Taxing Authorities and Governmental/Regulatory Agencies
1(m)	U.S. Trustee Personnel for the Southern District of Texas
1(n)	Utilities
1(o)	Significant Vendors

Counsel for the Reorganized Debtors supplied this Schedule 1 to Lazard for the purposes of Lazard's conflicts search of potential parties in interest in connection with its preparation and submission of the Retention Application. This Schedule 1 should not be relied upon by any party for any other purpose. To the extent possible, entities are listed only once this Schedule; therefore, a party that otherwise would fall within multiple categories is likely to be listed under only one category.

SCHEDULE 1(a)

Debtors

Bear Parent Inc.

Belk Accounts Receivable LLC

Belk Administration Co.

Belk Center Inc., The

Belk Department Stores LP

Belk eCommerce LLC

Belk Gift Card Co. LLC

Belk Inc.

Belk International Inc.

Belk Merchandising LLC

Belk Sourcing LLC

Belk Stores of Mississippi LLC

Belk Stores of Virginia LLC

Belk Stores Services Inc.

Belk Texas Holdings LLC

Belk-Simpson Co. of Greenville

SCHEDULE 1(b)

Debtor Affiliates

Fashion Holdings Intermediate LLC Fashion Holdings LLC Fashion Intermediate Inc. Fashion Top Co. LLC

SCHEDULE 1(c)

Directors and Officers

Fossati, Paul
Frizzley, Jill
Gray, Stacy S.
Harper, Lisa M.
Hawkins, Jacob
Hendricks, Donald L.
Langley, William R.
Mirandi, Peter
Panagos, Steve
Park, Hyon
Patel, Nir
Riggs, Leslie
Sweeney, Rob

SCHEDULE 1(d)

5% or More Equity Holders

Sycamore Partners

SCHEDULE 1(e)

Bankruptcy Judges and Staff

Alonzo, Albert Andresen, Jeannie Castro, Ana Chavez, Jeannie Conrad, Tracey Do, Linhthu Isgur, Marvin Jones, David R. Laws, Tyler Lopez, Christopher M. Miller, Elizabeth Norman, Jeffrey P. Ochsner, Nathan Picota, Kimberly Portillo, Vriana Rios, Mario

Rodriguez, Eduardo V. Saldana, Rosario

SCHEDULE 1(f)

Bankruptcy Professionals

Alvarez & Marsal
Evercore Inc.
Evercore LLC
Latham & Watkins LLP
Lazard Ltd.
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
O'Melveny & Myers LLP
PJT Partners LP
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

SCHEDULE 1(g)

Banks and Lenders

1828 CLO Ltd.

3M Employee Retirement Income Plan

American Money Management

AMMC CLO

Apex Credit Partners

Arch Street CLO Ltd.

Assured Investment Management LLC

Axis Specialty Ltd.

Bank of America NA

Barclays Bank plc

Baycity Alternative Investment Funds

SICAV-SIF-Baycity US Senior Loan

Fund

Birchwood Park CLO Ltd.

Black Diamond Capital Management

Blackstone Debt Advisors (GSO Capital

Partners)

Blackstone Group Inc.

Blair Funding LLC

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida Inc.

BlueMountain CLO

BlueMountain Fuji

BMO Harris Bank NA

BNP Paribas Asset Management United

States

BNPP IP CLO

Bowman Park CLO Ltd.

California Street CLO IX LP

Canaras Capital Management LLC

Capital One Business Credit Corp.

Carlyle Investment

Cent CLO

City National Rochdale Fixed Income

Opportunities Fund

City National Rochdale Funds

Columbia Cent CLO Advisors LLC

Columbia Funds Series Trust

Columbia Management Investment Advisers

LLC

Cork Street CLO Designated Activity Co.

CPS Managers Master Fund LP

Cumberland Park CLO Ltd.

Cutwater Holdings LLC

CVC Credit Partners

Deutsche Asset Management Inc.

Syndicated Loans from Flagship Capital

Corp.

Dorchester Park CLO Designated Activity

Co.

EAF Complan II-Private Debt

Ellington CLO

Emerson Park CLO Ltd.

Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd.

Evans Grove CLO Ltd.

Exelon Strategic Credit Holdings LLC

Fifth Third Bank

First Eagle Private Credit

Flatiron CLO 2015-1 Ltd.

Franklin Floating Rate Trust

FS KKR Capital Corp.

GAM (Luxembourg) SA - Zilux FCP-SIF-

Zilux Senior Loans Global

GIC Special Investments Pte. Ltd.

Goldman Sachs Trust II - Goldman Sachs

Multi-Manager Non-Core Fixed Income

Fund

Great American Insurance Co.

Great American Life Insurance Co.

Greywolf Capital Management LP

GSO Capital Partners LP

Guggenheim Partners Investment

Management LLC

Hamilton Finance LLC

HCA Inc. Master Retirement Trust

Hein Park Capital Management LP

Hempstead II CLO Ltd.

Highland Capital Management Fund

Advisors LP

IAM National Pension Fund

Insight North America LLC

Intel Retirement Plans Collective Investment

Trust

J.H. Lane Partners LP

Jefferies Finance LLC

Jefferies Leveraged Credit Products LLC

JFIN CLO

JSCC Holdings LLC

Katriona Investment Pte. Ltd.

KKR & Co. Inc.

KKR CLO

KKR PCOP II Caymen Investors A LP

KKR TFO Partners LP

Lockwood Grove CLO Ltd.

MainStay Funds Trust

Maverick Enterprises Inc.

Medtronic Holdings SARL

Menard Inc.

Mercer Field II CLO Ltd.

Midtown Acquisitions LP

MJX Asset Management LLC

MJX Asset Management LLC - Venture

CLO

Monarch Grove CLO Ltd.

Morgan Stanley Bank NA

Mountain View CLO

Municipal Employees Annuity & Benefit

Fund of Chicago

Nassau Corporate Credit LLC

New York City Police Pension Fund

Newark BSL CLO 1 Ltd.

NewStar Arlington Senior Loan Program

LLC

NewStar Berkeley Fund CLO LLC

NewStar Exeter Fund CLO LLC

NewStar Fairfield Fund Clo Ltd.

Nikko AM Global Investments (Cayman) -

Hyfi Aquamarine Loan Fund

NN (L) Flex - Senior Loans

Nomura Corporate Funding Americas LLC

Nut Tree Capital Management LP

Nuveen Fund

NYL Investors LLC

NZCG Funding Ltd.

Oaktree Capital Management LP

Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund

OZLM

Pacific Life Insurance Co.

PCOP II Topco Intermediate B LP

PensionDanmark

Pensionsforsikringsaktieselskab

PineBridge Investments

Polar Bear Fund LP

Principal Diversified Real Asset CIT

Principal Funds Inc. - Diversified Real Asset

Fund

Prisma SPC Holdings Ltd.

Provident Life & Accident Insurance Co.

Prudential Insurance

Regions Bank

Salem Fields CLO Ltd.

Saranac CLO

SCOF-2 Ltd.

Sculptor Capital LP

Seix Advisors

Seneca Park CLO Ltd.

Seven Sticks CLO Ltd.

Sonoma County Employees' Retirement

Association

South Carolina Retirement Systems Group

Trust

South Dock Funding Designated Activity

Co.

Strategic Credit Opportunities Partners LLC

Symphony Asset Management

Tactical Value SPN - Global Credit

Opportunities LP

Tall Tree Investment Management LLC

TCI-Symphony CLO

TD Bank NA

Thacher Park CLO Ltd.

Trestles CLO

U.S. Bank NA

UBS AG

Verger Capital Fund LLC

Virtus Asset Trust - Virtus Seix Floating

Rate High Income Fund

Vista US Subsidiary 1 Fund LLC

Vova CLO

Voya Investment Management

Wellfleet Credit Partners LLC

Wells Fargo Bank NA

Wilshire Institutional Master Fund SPC -

Guggenheim Alpha Segregated Portfolio

SCHEDULE 1(h)

Insurers

Allianz SE

Allied World Assurance Co. (US)

American Guarantee & Liability Insurance Co.

American International Group Inc.

ANV Global Services

Arch Specialty Insurance Co.

Aspen Specialty Insurance Co.

AXA XL

Beazley plc

CapSpecialty Inc.

Chubb Ltd.

Columbia Casualty Co.

Crum & Forster Insurance Co.

Endurance American Specialty Insurance Co.

Evanston Insurance Co.

Everest Indemnity Insurance Co.

First Specialty Insurance Co.

Great American Insurance Co.

Hartford Financial Services Group Inc., The

Homeland Insurance Co. of New York

Ironshore Specialty Insurance Co.

James River Insurance Co.

Lexington Insurance Co.

Liberty Mutual Holding Co. Inc.

Lloyd's of London

Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co. of America

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co.

Navigators Insurance Co.

North American Co. for Life & Health Insurance

Princeton Excess & Surplus Lines Insurance Co., The

QBE Insurance Group Ltd.

RSUI Indemnity Co.

Safety National Casualty Corp.

Scottsdale Insurance Co.

Sompo Holdings Inc.

Tokio Marine HCC

Travelers Cos. Inc., The

Travelers P&C Co. of America

W.R. Berkley Corp.

Zurich Insurance Group AG

SCHEDULE 1(i)

Landlords

0124 SPG Anderson Mall LLC 2505 S. Maint Street LLC

4661 Shopping Center Association 4825 Simon Property Group LP 8401 Michigan Road LLC

Aegis Realty Operating Partnership LP

Ahoskie Center LLC

A-L 95 Creekside Town Center PH 3 LP

Albany Mall LLC

Allied Development of Alabama LLC American National Insurance Co.

Anchor Columbia 2 LLC

Applewood Shopping Center GP

Argento, Gina J. Asheboro Mall LLC Asprey Real Estate Corp.

Asset Management Technologies LLC

ATC Investors LP

Atlantic North Land Trust Property Management Support Inc.

Auburn Mall LLC
Bainbridge Mall LLC

Bank Ozk

Bel Air Mall Realty Holding LLC

Biggs Park Inc. Blue Ridge Mall LLC

BPR-FF LLC BRC JV LLC

Brixmor Operating Partnership LP

BVA Avenue LLC BVCV High Point LLC Capital Plaza Inc. Capitol Funds Inc.

Carolina Mall LLC Carolina Place LLC

Cary Towne Center Property LLC Casto-Oakbridge Venture Ltd.

CBL & Associates LP

CBL-T-C LLC

CBL-TRS Joint Venture LLC Century Capital Group LLC

Charlottesville Fashion Square LLC

Cherokee Mainstreet LLC
CK Belk Holdings LLC
Cole Credit Property Trust IV

Cole Operating Partnership IV LP Cole/Faison JV Bethlehem GA College Square TEI Equities LLC

Combined Property Service Group

CPA 18 LP

CPT Peachtree Forum I LLC CRC Mount Pleasant REIT LLC Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage

Securities Corp. Commercial Mortgage

Pass

Creekstone Juban I LLC

Crossroads Greenville Properties Ltd.

Cullman Shopping Center Inc.

CVM Holdings LLC CW Joint Venture LLC

D Mall LLC Dalton Mall LLC Danville Mall LLC

Danville, City of (VA), Industrial Development Authority

Dare Center LLC

DDR Crossroads Center LLC

DDRM Properties LLC

DDRTC Core Retail Fund LLC DDRTC Fayette Pavilion III & IV

Decatur Mall LLC Delplace & Co. GP Destin Commons Ltd.

Distribution Technology Inc.

Douglas Associates Eastdale Mall LLC Eastgate Associates Ltd. Ershig Properties Inc.

Excel Trust LP Fickling & Co. Inc.

Finmarc Wildewood LLC

Five Properties Holding Co. LLC Foothills Mall Equities LLC

Four Plus Corp.

Fourth Quarter Properties 93 LLC G&I VII RCG Valley Park LLC Galleria Mall Investors LP Galleria Rock Hill LLC

Gardner, Bill

Gator Coastal Shopping Centre LLC

GCTC Holdings LLC

Gemini Alto Centerville Partners LLC

GF Valdosta Holding LLC GGP Ivanhoe II Inc.

GGP LP

Gleason Mall LP Glimcher Properties LP

Governor's Square Mall

Grand Central Parkersburg LLC

Greer Plaza Inc.
Grovenstein QI LLC
H/S Augustine LP
H/S Florence LLC
H/S New Bern LLC
Halpern Enterprises Inc.
Hatchers Square LLC
Hawthorne Pinecrest LLC
HC Lakeshore LLC

HCW Private Development Co. LLC

Heitman America Real Estate

Henderson Square LP Hendon Golden East LLC HH Conyers Crossroads LLC

Hines Global REIT 2615 Medical Center

Parkway LLC Hoover Mall Ltd. LLC HRE Fund III LP

Hupps Mill Plaza Associates LLC

Hutton, David Ingles Markets Inc.

Inland National Real Estate Services LLC

Institutional Mall Investors LLC

Intalytics Inc.

IP Rockford Recap Ventures LLC

Jacksonville Avenues LP Jacobson 5th Street LLC Jacobson Charlotte East LLC Jasper Mall Realty Holding LLC

JG Winston-Salem LLC JMCR Sherman LLC

Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Inc.

KDI Athens Mall LLC

Khezrie, James

KIMCO Income Operating Partnership LP

Kin Properties Inc. Kingsport Mall LLC

Kroger LP I

Lake City Shopping Center

Lake Pointe Property Owners Association

Lakeview Pointe Shopping Center

Laurens Retail I LLC Lazy B Cattle Venture Ltd.

LB UBS 2006 C1 Triangle Town Boulevard

LLC

Lebcon Associates Ltd. Lenoir Retail I LLC

Lexington Parkway Plaza LLC Libby Boone Enterprises LLC Libby Henderson Enterprises Light ACD Holdings LLC

Longwood Village Shopping Center

Macerich EQ LP

Mall of South Carolina LP
Mansfield Shops at Broad LLC
Mayflower Apple Blossom LP
MD Ruston Properties LLC
Millan Enterprises LLC
Milledgeville Associates LP
Miller-Valentine of Columbia Ltd.
MI-CFC 2007-7 N 46Th St LLC
Monroe Crossing TEI Funds LLC

Monroe Retail Group LLC MRW Retail Joint Venture Mullins Colony LLC Myrtle Beach Mall LLC

New Port Richey Development Co. LLC

News Co. LLC

North Carolina, State of, Public Employees

Retirement System

North Main Phase II & III LLC

Northpark Realty LP NRV Mall Associates Oaks Mall Gainesville LP Orange Park Mall LLC Oxford Retail Holding LLC Pacific Management Group LLC PC Sweet Home Bama LLC

Pecanland Mall LLC Pengould LLC Penrose Mall LLC

Perlis Plaza Associates LLC Pinnacle North II LLC Pizitz of Dothan LLC

Pleasant Ridge Town Center LLC

Port Orange I LLC PR Magnolia LLC

Preferred Apartment Communities

Operating Partnership LP

PREIT Associates LP Prince of Orange LLC Prisa LHC LLC

Provest Centre Pointe Plaza Associates LLC

ProVest Lincoln Center LLC ProVest PDQ Springdale LLC Publix Super Markets Inc.

Rae-Me Realty Inc. Rancho Lufkin LP

RCG Ventures Fund IV LP RCG-Waycross Mall LLC

RD Tulsa Hills LP Regional Malls LLC

Retail Properties of America Inc.

Retail Property Trust, The **Ridgeview Crossing**

River Chase Shopping Center LLC

River Hills Mall

River Place Investors LLC River Ridge Mall JV LLC Riverbirch Realty LLC

Riverchase Business Association Inc. Riverchase Land Acquisition LLC Roanoke Landing Associates LLC

Robertson's Creek Dunhill Investors LLC

RockStep Christiansburg LLC Rockstep McComb LLC Rockstep Meridian LLC

Rome Mall LLC

Rosen McIntosh Plaza LLC RP Jackson Plaza LLC RP Town & Country LLC RPI Bel Air Mall LLC RPI Greenville Mall LP

RPT Realty LP

RSE Independence LLC

S2 Forest Gate Associates LLC

Saint Smitty LLC Samonds Legacy LLC Sampson Crossing LLP

Sawmill Square Associates LP Scotland Crossing Investors LLC Scott Village Big Springs LLC

SE Aiken LLC

Seayco-THF Conway Development LLC

Shallotte Crossing LLC Shelby Mall LLC

Shelter Cove Towne Centre LLC Shoppes at River Crossing LLC

Signal Hill Mall

Simon Property Group LP SL Nusbaum Realty Co.

Southampton CTR Joint Venture

SouthPark Mall LP Spotsylvania Mall Co. Statesboro Mall LLC Staunton EM2 LLC Stirling Bossier LLC

Stockbridge Lakeshore LLC

Sumter Mall LLC T Surfside FL LLC Tabani Natchez Mall LP

Tallahassee Retail Venture LLC Tanglewood Venture LLC Temecula's Elite LLC

Temples Co., The

Tifton Plaza Owner LLC TKG Smith Farm LLC TM Northlake Mall LP

TMP SRE 1 LLC

TN Oak Ridge Rutgers LLC Town Center at Cobb LLC

Towne Mall LLC Tran, Khanh Quang

Triangle East Shopping Center

Tri-City Inc. TUP 130 LLC Turtle Creek LP

Unison Mooresville LLC University Mall LLC

University Mall Realty Ltd.

Urban Shopping Centers LP

US Properties Group Inc.

Valley Hills Mall LLC

Vernon Park Mall Holding Corp.

VG Venture LLC

VGEC LLC

Vicksburg Income Properties LLC

Victory Real Estate Investment LLC

Victory Square LLC

Village Lake Promenade LLC

Washington Prime Group LP

Waters Inc.

Waxahachie TC Partners Ltd.

Weatherford Dunhill LLC

West C Street Holdings LLC

West Georgia Commons LLC

West Town Mall LLC

Westgate Mall LP

Westminster Mall LLC

Whitestone REIT Operating Partnership LP

WHLR-Village of Martsinville LLC

Winbrook Management LLC

Winter Haven Citi Centre LLC

Wiregrass Realty LLC

WV Crossroads Realty LLC

Yale Waynesville LLC

YFP LLC

SCHEDULE 1(j)

Litigants

Alexander Ricks PLLC Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP Colclough, Thomas M. Doniger / Burroughs Law Firm Flachsbart & Greenspoon LLC Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu PC Herrmann & Murphy PLLC Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP IP Edge LLC K&L Gates LLP Klestadt Winters Jureller Southard & Stevens LLP Lincoln Derr PLLC Nixon Jach Hubbard PLLC Offit Kurmann Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP Thompson Legal Center LLC Unique Designs Inc. Watson & Norris pllc Zarin & Associates

SCHEDULE 1(k)

Sureties and Letter of Credit Providers

North American Specialty Insurance Co. Wells Fargo Capital Finance Inc.

SCHEDULE 1(1)

Taxing Authorities and Governmental/Regulatory Agencies

Adams, County of (MS), Tax Collector

Ahoskie, Town of (NC)

Aiken, City of (SC)

Aiken, County of (SC), Treasurer

Alabama, State of, Department of Revenue

Alabama, State of, Secretary of State,

Probate Judges

Alabama, State of, Treasurer

Alabaster, City of (AL)

Alabaster, City of (AL), Revenue

Department

Alachua, County of (FL), Tax Collector

Albany, City of (GA)

Albemarle, County of (VA)

Alcorn, County of (MS), Tax Collector

Allen Parish School Board (LA)

Alston & Bird LLP

Americus, City of (GA)

Anderson, City of (SC)

Anderson, County of (SC), Treasurer

Angelina, County of (TX), Tax Office

Anybill Financial Services Inc.

Arizona, State of, Department of Revenue

Arkansas, State of

Arkansas, State of, Department of Finance

& Administration

Arkansas, State of, Secretary of State

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Athens, City of (TN)

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Augusta, County of (VA), Treasurer

Bainbridge, City of (GA)

Baldwin, County of (AL)

Barrow, County of (GA), Tax

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Birmingham, City of (AL), Tax Trust Account

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Bossier, Parish of (LA)

Bossier, Parish of (LA), Sheriff's Office -

Tax Office

Bowling Green, City of (KY)

Branson, City of (MO)

Brevard, City of (NC)

Brevard, County of (FL), Tax Collector

Bristol, City of (TN)

Brunswick, County of (NC), Revenue

Department

Buncombe, County of (NC), Tax Collector

Burke, County of (NC), Tax Collector

Burke, County of (NC), Tax Office

Burlington, City of (NC)

Burlington, City of (NC), Tax Collector

Caddo, Parish of (LA)

Caldwell, County of (NC), Tax Collector

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Fee Administration

California, State of, Franchise Tax Board

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Camden, County of (GA), Tax

Commissioner

Canton, City of (GA)

Carroll, County of (GA), Tax Office

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Centerville, City of (GA), Tax Collector

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Greer, City of (SC) Griffin, City of (GA)

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Guntersville, City of (AL)

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Hamilton, County of (TN), Trustee

Harbison Community Association

Hardin, County of (KY), Sheriff's Office

Harnett, County of (NC), Tax Department

Harrison, County of (MS), Tax Collector

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Hartwell, City of (GA)

Hattiesburg, City of (MS)

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Henry, County of (GA)

Hertford, County of (NC), Tax Collector

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Hinds, County of (MS), Tax Collector

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Jackson, City of (TN)

Jackson, County of (MS), Tax Collector

Jasper, City of (AL)

Jefferson Davis, Parish of (LA)

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Jefferson, County of (AL), Tax Collector

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Knox, County of (KY), Sheriff's Office

Knox, County of (TN), Trustee

Knoxville, City of (TN)

Lady Lake, Town of (FL)

Lafayette, County of (MS), Tax Collector

Lake City, City of (SC)

Lake, County of (FL), Tax Collector

Lamar, County of (MS), Tax Assessor-

Collector

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Lancaster, City of (SC)

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Lauderdale, County of (MS), Tax Collector

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North Carolina, State of, Department of Revenue

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Pike, County of (MS), Tax Collector

Pitt, County of (NC), Tax Collector

Pope, County of (AR), Tax Collector

Port Orange, City of (FL)

Prattville, City of (AL)

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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Randolph, City of (NC), Tax Collector

Rankin, County of (MS), Tax Collector

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Richmond, County of (NC), Tax Collector

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Rockingham, County of (NC), Tax Collector

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Rogers, City of (AR)

Rome, City of (GA)

Russellville, City of (AK)

Ryan LLC

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Sampson, County of (NC), Tax Collector

Savannah, City of (GA)

Scotland, County of (NC), Tax Department

Selma, City of (AL)

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Shelby, County of (AL), Property Tax

Commissioner

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Snellville, City of (GA)

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> Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service

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Vermont, State of, Department of Taxes

Vidalia, City of (GA)

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Volusia, County of (FL)

Volusia, County of (FL), Revenue Division

Wake, County of (NC), Revenue

Department

Walterboro, City of (SC)

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Warren, County of (MS), Tax Collector

Washington, County of (MS), Tax Collector

Washington, Parish of (LA), Tax Collector

Washington, State of, Department of Revenue

Waycross, City of (GA)

Waynesville, Town of (NC), Tax Collector

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Whitfield, County of (GA), Tax

Commissioner

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Wilkesboro, Town of (NC)

Wilkins, Dianne

Williamston, Town of (NC)

Williamston, Town of (NC), Tax Collector

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Winchester, City of (VA), Treasurer

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Wisconsin, State of, Department of Revenue

Wise, County of (VA)
Wise, Town of (VA)
Wise, Town of (VA), Treasurer
Wtowah, County of (AL), Revenue
Commissioner
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Aiken Electric Cooperative Inc.

Aiken, City of (SC) Alabama Power Co. Inc. Alabaster Water Board

Albany, City of (GA), Utilities

Albemarle County Service Authority

Albemarle, City of (NC) Alcorn County Electric Power Americus, City of (GA)

AmeriGas LP

Appalachian Power Co. Asheboro, City of (NC) Asheville, City of (NC) Ashland, City of (KY) Athens Utilities Board

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Business Office Atmos Energy Corp.

Auburn City Water Works Board Augusta County Service Authority

Bainbridge, City of (GA)

Baldwin County Sewer Service LLC

Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.

Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority Birmingham Water Works & Sewer Board

Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative

Bluefield Gas Co. Boone, Town of (NC)

Bossier, City of (LA), Utilities Department

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities Bradley Public Service District (WV)

Branson, City of (MO) Brevard, City of (NC)

BrightRidge

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Bristol, City of (TN)

Broad Creek Public Service District (SC) Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water &

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CenterPoint Energy Inc. Centerville, City of (GA) Charleston Water System

Charleston, County of (SC), Revenue

Collections

Charlotte, City of (NC) Chattanooga Gas Co. Chattanooga, City of (TN) Christiansburg, City of (VA)

City Corp. - Russellville Water & Sewer Clarksville, City of (TN), Gas & Water

Department

Clay County Utility Authority Clay Electric Cooperative

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Cobb Electric Membership Corp.

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Columbia, City of (SC)

Columbus Light & Water Department

Concord, City of (NC) Conger LP Gas Inc.

Consolidated Utility District of Rutherford

County

Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division LLC

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Corinth Gas & Water Department

Cornelia, City of (GA)

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Daphne Utilities **Decatur Utilities** Deland, City of (FL) Delta Natural Gas Co. Inc. Dependabill Solutions LLC

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Dominion Energy North Carolina **Dominion Energy South Carolina** Dominion Energy West Virginia

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Douglasville-Douglas, County of (GA)

Dublin, City of (GA) Duke Energy Corp. Dunn, City of (NC)

Durham, City of (NC), Sewer/Water

Easley Combined Utilities

Electric City, City of (SC), Utilities

Elizabeth City, City of (NC)

Elkin, Town of (NC)

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Engie Insight Services Inc.

Engie Resources Entergy Arkansas Inc

Entergy Gulf States LA LLC

Entergy Louisiana Inc. Entergy Mississippi Inc.

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Florence, City of (SC) Florida Power & Light Co. Flower Mound, Town of (TX)

Flowood, City of (MS)

Floyd, County of (GA), Water Department

Forest City, Town of (NC) Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority Fort Worth, City of (TX) Franklin, City of (VA)

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Gallatin, City of (TN), Department of

Electricity

Gastonia, City of (NC)

Gautier, City of (MS), Billing Department

Georgetown, City of (SC)

Georgia Power

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District (WV)

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Greenville Utilities Commission

Greenville Water

Greenville, City of (SC), Water Department

Greenville, City of (TX)

Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works

Greer Commission of Public Works

Griffin, City of (GA) Gulf Power Co.

Gulfport, City of (MS)

Gwinnett, County of (GA), Water Resources

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Harrisonburg Electric Commission

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Department Hickory, City of (NC) High Point, City of (NC) Hixson Utility District

Hot Springs Water & Sewer Services

Huntsville Utilities

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Jackson Energy Authority Jacksonville Electric Authority Jacksonville, City of (NC)

Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board Inc. Jefferson, County of (AL), Sewer Service

Jim Wilson & Associates

Johnson, City of (TN), Utility System

Jointly Owned Natural Gas

Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corp.

Kentucky Power Co. Kentucky Utilities Co.

Kerrville Public Utility Board

Kerrville, City of (TX)

Kill Devil Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant

Kill Devil Hills, Town of (NC) Kingsport, City of (TN)

Kinston, City of (NC) Knoxville Utilities Board

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Lagrange, City of (GA) Lake City, City of (FL) Lake City, City of (SC) Lakeland Electric Lancaster, City of (SC)

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Laurinburg, City of (NC)

Lee County Electric Cooperative

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Lincolnton, City of (NC) Lufkin, City of (TX) Lumberton, City of (NC) Lynchburg, City of (VA) Mansfield, City of (TX)

Marshall-Dekalb Electric Cooperative

Martinsville, City of (VA)
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McComb, City of (MS)

McComb, City of (MS) McKinney, City of (TX) Meridian, City of (MS)

Middle Tennessee Electric Membership

Corp.

Milledgeville, City of (GA)

Mississippi Power

Mobile Area Water & Sewer System

MonPower

Monroe, City of (LA) Monroe, City of (NC)

Montgomery Water Works & Sanitary

Sewer Board

Mooresville, City of (NC)
Morganton, City of (NC)
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Mount Airy, City of (NC)
Mount Juliet, City of (NC)
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New River Light & Power Co.

Newnan Utilities

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Ocala, City of (FL)

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Old Dominion Power Co. Owasso Public Works Oxford, City of (MS)
Palm Coast, City of (FL)

Palmetto Electric Cooperative Inc.

Palmetto Utilities Inc.

Paragould Light Water & Cable

Paris, City of (TX)
Pasco County Utilities
Pearl River Valley EPA
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Pineville Electric & Telephone

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Sanford, City of (NC)

SanteeCooper

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Sevier County Electric System Sevier County Utility District

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Summerville Comissioners of Public Works

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TECO Peoples Gas

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Thomasville Utilities
ThompsonGas

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Toccoa, City of (GA)

Tombigbee Electric Power Association -

Fulton

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Tupelo, City of (MS), Water & Light

Department

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TXU Energy

University Mall LLC
Utilities Inc. of Louisiana
Utility Billing Services (AR)
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Vicksburg, City of (MS)

Vidalia, City of (GA)

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Walker, City of (LA)

Walterboro, City of (SC)

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Ward 2 Water District

Washington Gas

Washington, City of (NC), Municipal

Building

Waste Management National Services Inc.

Water Service Corp. of Kentucky

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Waycross, City of (GA)

Waynesville, Town of (NC)

Weatherford, City of (TX)

West Wilson Utility District

Western Virginia Water Authority

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Whiteville, City of (NC)

Wilkesboro, Town of (NC)

Williamston, Town of (NC)

Wilson, City of (NC)

Winchester, City of (VA)

Winston-Salem, City of (NC)

Wise, Town of (VA)

York County Natural Gas Authority

SCHEDULE 1(0)

Significant Vendors

Alfred Dunner Inc.

Alvarez & Marsal Holdings LLC

Bank of America Corp.

Bank of America Retail Group

Belk Stores Services Inc. BH Multi Com Corp.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of North Carolina

Brahmin Leather Works Inc.

Chanel Inc.

Clinique Laboratories

Columbia Sportswear Co.

Corporate Capital Markets

Diversified Distribution Systems

E&E Co. Ltd.

E-Lo Sportswear LLC

Engie Insight Services Inc.

Estée Lauder Inc.

Euroitalia USA Inc.

Euroitaly Inc.

F&F Apparel International Inc.

Federal Express Corp. Footwear Unlimited Inc.

Fred David International USA Inc.

General Sportwear Co. Inc.

G-III Leather Fashions Inc.

Grant Thornton LLP

Haddad Apparel Group Ltd.

Haggar Apparel Co.

Hanesbrands Inc.

HMS Productions Inc.

Horizon Media Inc.

IBM Corp.

iCrossing Inc.

Izod Men's

JB Hunt Transport Inc.

Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Inc.

Keeco LLC

Lancome

Levi Strauss & Co.

LF Centennial Pte. Ltd.

L'Oreal USA S/D Inc.

Make-Up Art Cosmetics

Merchsource LLC

MGF Sourcing LLC

Michael Kors (USA) Inc.

Millwork Holdings Co. Inc.

Morgan Stanley Senior Funding Inc.

Nike USA Inc.

ONE Jeanswear Group LLC

Peerless Clothing International Inc.

Pem-America Inc.

Performics Inc.

Polo Ralph Lauren Corp.

Quad/Graphics Inc.

Ralph Lauren Childrenswear

Rare Editions for Girls

Richline Group

Ruby Rd Inc.

Santa Fe Apparel LLC

Skechers USA Inc.

Tata America International Corp.

U.S. Bank NA

Under Armour Inc.

United States Postal Service. The

Urban Outfitters Wholesale Inc.

Vinatex International Joint Stock Co.

VolumeCocomo Apparel Inc.

Westpoint Home Inc.

Schedule 2

Engagements with Potential Parties in Interest

SCHEDULE 2

1828 CLO LTD.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP INC.

ARCH SPECIALTY INSURANCE CO.

ARCH STREET CLO LTD.

ASSURED INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC

AXA XL

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

BIRCHWOOD PARK CLO LTD.

BLACKSTONE DEBT ADVISORS (GSO CAPITAL PARTNERS)

BLACKSTONE GROUP INC.

BLUEMOUNTAIN CLO

BLUEMOUNTAIN FUJI

BOWMAN PARK CLO LTD.

CARLYLE INVESTMENT

CAROLINA PLACE LLC

CENT CLO

CHUBB LTD.

COLUMBIA CENT CLO ADVISORS LLC

COLUMBIA FUNDS SERIES TRUST

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY INC.

COLUMBIA GAS OF MARYLAND INC.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA INC.

COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC

CPS MANAGERS MASTER FUND LP

CUMBERLAND PARK CLO LTD.

CUTWATER HOLDINGS LLC

CYBERSOURCE CORP

DEUTSCHE ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC. SYNDICATED LOANS FROM FLAGSHIP CAPITAL

DORCHESTER PARK CLO DESIGNATED ACTIVITY CO.

EMERSON PARK CLO LTD

ENGIE INSIGHT SERVICES INC.

ENGIE RESOURCES

EXELON STRATEGIC CREDIT HOLDINGS LLC

FRANKLIN FLOATING RATE TRUST

FS KKR CAPITAL CORP.

GGP IVANHOE II INC.

GGP LP

GOLDMAN SACHS TRUST II - GOLDMAN SACHS MULTI-MANAGER NON-CORE FIXED

INCOME FUND

GSO CAPITAL PARTNERS LP

GUGGENHEIM PARTNERS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC

HEMPSTEAD II CLO LTD.

IBM CORP.

INSIGHT NORTH AMERICA LLC

INTEL RETIREMENT PLANS COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST

KIMCO INCOME OPERATING PARTNERSHIP LP

KKR & CO. INC.

KKR CLO

KKR PCOP II CAYMEN INVESTORS A LP KKR TFO PARTNERS LP LANCOME LEXINGTON INSURANCE CO. L'OREAL USA S/D INC. MERCER FIELD II CLO LTD. MIDTOWN ACQUISITIONS LP **MONPOWER** MORGAN STANLEY BANK NA MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING INC. NZCG FUNDING LTD. OAKS MALL GAINESVILLE LP OAKTREE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP ONE JEANSWEAR GROUP LLC PCOP II TOPCO INTERMEDIATE B LP PECANLAND MALL LLC PINEBRIDGE INVESTMENTS POTOMAC EDISON PRINCIPAL DIVERSIFIED REAL ASSET CIT PRINCIPAL FUNDS INC.- DIVERSIFIED REAL ASSET FUND PRISA LHC LLC PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE RPI BEL AIR MALL LLC RPI GREENVILLE MALL LP S2S COMMUNICATIONS INC SALEM FIELDS CLO LTD. SARANAC CLO SEVEN STICKS CLO LTD. SHOPPES AT RIVER CROSSING LLC STRATEGIC CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERS LLC SYCAMORE PARTNERS TACTICAL VALUE SPN - GLOBAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES LP TATA AMERICA INTERNATIONAL CORP. THACHER PARK CLO LTD. TUP 130 LLC U.S. BANK NA URBAN SHOPPING CENTERS LP

WILSHIRE INSTITUTIONAL MASTER FUND SPC - GUGGENHEIM ALPHA SEGREGATED PORTFOLIO

Notes:

VALLEY HILLS MALL LLC

WASHINGTON GAS

- 1. Certain senior members of the team advising the Debtors noted that they have had in the past business interactions with certain members of the board of directors of Belk, Inc. in their capacities as independent directors of other clients of Lazard in the last three years.
- 2. Lazard advised as special committee of the board of directors of Taubman Centers, Inc. ("<u>TCO</u>") in connection with its merger with Simon Property Group, Inc ("<u>SPG</u>"). The transaction closed in December of 2020. TCO is not on the list of Potential Parties in Interest but the following affiliates of SPG are listed as Potential Parties in Interest under the category "Landlords" in relation to the Debtors: 4825 Simon Property Group LP, Auburn Mall LLC, Retail Property Trust, The, Simon Property Group LP and Town Center at Cobb LLC.